

Preliminary Amendment

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Serial No.: Unknown (Parent Ser. No. 09/975,295)

Filed: Herewith (Parent Filing Date October 10, 2001)

Docket No.: 10971935-17

Title: INK DELIVERY SYSTEM ADAPTER

REMARKS

This Preliminary Amendment amends the above identified Continuation Patent Application filed herewith. With this Preliminary Amendment, claims 1-38 have been cancelled, and claims 39-72 have been added. Claims 39-72 remain pending in the application and are presented for consideration and allowance.

Amendments to the Specification

With this Preliminary Amendment, the specification has been amended to correct informalities which were previously corrected in Parent application serial number 09/975,295, filed on October 10, 2001. No new matter has been added to the application, and Applicants respectfully request consideration and approval of these changes to the specification.

Amendments to the Drawings

With this Preliminary Amendment, the drawings have been amended to correct informalities which were previously corrected in Parent application serial number 09/975,295, filed on October 10, 2001. Specifically, the drawings were objected to in the Parent Application under 37 C.F.R. § 1.83(a). In particular, the drawings were objected to because they failed to show aperture 44 surrounded by a wall 45. In addition, the drawings were objected to under 37 C.F.R. § 1.84(p)(4) because in Fig. 3, reference numeral "60" has been used to designate both a guiding feature and a wall of hole 44. To address these objections and to rectify other inadvertent errors, included herewith are six Annotated Sheets Showing Changes to Figures 3, 4, 9, 10A, 16, 19 and 20. In Figure 3, a redundant reference numeral "60" has been eliminated and reference numeral --45-- has been substituted thereat, and the incorrect reference numeral "45" and its lead line have been eliminated. In Figure 4, reference numeral "66" and its lead line have been deleted since this reference numeral does not appear in the specification. In Figures 9 and 10A, reference numeral "116" and its lead line have been deleted since this reference numeral does not appear in the specification. In Figure 16, reference numeral --177-- has been added in accordance with page 26, line 12 of the specification. In Figure 19, reference numeral --213-- has been added in accordance with

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page 29, line 18 of the specification. In Figure 20, reference numeral “236” has been deleted since this reference numeral does not appear in the specification. All of these changes are shown in red. No new matter has been added to the application, and Applicants respectfully request consideration and approval of these changes to the drawings.

The changes to drawings as presented herein were previously approved in the Parent application. Thus, in anticipation of the Examiners’ approval of the proposed drawing changes, Applicants also submit herewith a complete set of formal drawings in the form of Replacement Sheets with the proposed changes incorporated therein.

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Conclusion

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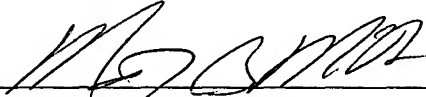
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